physical activity. Education of children to be physically active and follow balanced diets are important steps towards prevention and management of this disorder.

Condom vending machines

763. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Condom Vending Machines (CVMs) are lying unused in Orissa due to short supply of condoms;

(b) whether these CVMs have been installed under aid from the National AIDS Control Organisation and the World Bank;

(c) whether these CVMs are engineered to dispense only Sangam brand of condoms which are in short supply; and

(d) the measures taken to make these CVMs adaptable to dispensing other makes of condoms also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. State AIDS Control Society, Orissa (SACS) has intimated that Family Planning Association of India was contracted in the year 2000 to carry out the Targeted Intervention Trucker Project in Orissa. As per their requirement and recommendation of the State Management Agency, 10 nos. of Condom. Vending Machines (CVMs) were sanctioned by State AIDS Cell, Orissa which are lying unused due to the current short supply of condoms.

(b) Yes, Sir. These 10 CVMs given to Family Planning Association of India have been installed under aid from National AIDS Control Organisation's DFID Fund.

(c) As the Condom Vending Machines were being given to Family Planning Association of India run project by the SACS, these were engineered to dispense only "Sangam" Brand of Condoms which are marketed by Family Planning Association of India as social marketing brand, currently in short supply.

(d) Mechanically, these CVMs are adaptable to dispense only

"Sangam" brand of condoms and not other makes of condoms. However, in order to make condoms available in the Targeted Intervention areas, 92 Nos. of Community Based Distributors have been appointed to market all brands of condoms.

Sale of fake medicines

764. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent raid by the Karnataka Lok Ayukta' revealed that a large number of fake medicines are being sold in the country;

(b) if so, whether any inquiries have been conducted to ascertain intensity of the problem;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures to safeguard interest of the public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (b) As per the information made available by the Drugs Controller of Karnataka, the Lok Ayukta raided the office of Drugs Controller on 26.03.2003. The receipt of the report from Lok Ayukta is awaited by them,

(c) to (d) Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder, the responsibility for regulating manufacture and sale of drugs including monitoring their quality is vested with the State Governments. The State Governments are advised from time to time to gear up their enforcement machinery to detect and unearth spurious/fake drugs moving in the inter-State commerce as well as to provide and strengthen their regulatory infrastructure; to establish their own State level testing labs to ensure speedy analysis of drug' samples for which they are provided assistance to strengthen and augment their infrastructure facilities in their lab. The State Governments have also been advised to seek strict surveillance over the suspected dealers; collection of survey samples under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drugs (NSQED) programme; constitution/ reactivation of State drug advisory committees in which various trade